MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Government are aware that the Chief Engineer or the Division Officer or the Sub-Division Officer has inspected the road after I had sent up the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to order the Chief Engineer or any other responsible officer of the Engineering Department to look into the present condition of the road and improve it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The road has been inspected and from the report it is seen that the condition of the road is not as the member states.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know whether the allotment for the Vembayam road is not sufficient?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a question of opinion. The allotment can be said to be insufficient only when we compare the importance of the road and the allotments for other roads.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that vehicles that pass through that road are compelled to pay two different P. W. D. tolls in two different places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I accept that statement from the hon'ble member.

Maintenance of roads in the Nedumangad taluk.

29. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rate, per mile, of annual allotment for the maintenance of the following roads in the Nedumangad taluk, *viz.*:

(*i*) the Nedumangad-Vembayam road;
(*ii*) the Anad-Venjaramood road;
(*iii*) the Kazhanad-Vattapara road;
(*iv*) the Nedumangad-Kattakada road;
(*v*) the Kattichal-Poovachal road;
(*vi*) the Pacha-Vidura road; and
(*vii*) the Arianad-Vidura road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(i) Nedumangad-Vembayam road (Nedumangad-Vembayam road) miles 1, 2, and 5 at Rs. 100 per mile, miles 3 and 4 at Rs. 150 per mile.

(ii) Venjaramood road and Anad branch road (Anad-Venjaramood road) Rs. 150 per mile (8¾ miles).

(iii) Kazhanadu road (Kazhanadu-Vattapara road) at Rs. 50 per mile (4 1/4 miles).

(iv) Vel'anad road (Nedumangad-Kattakada road) 1 to 3 miles at Rs. 250 per mile, 4 to 7 3/8 at Rs. 100 per mile.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(v) Kottoor road (Kattichal-Poovachal road (11½ miles to 14 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.

(vi) & (vii) Arianad-Palode road (Pacha-Vidura road and Arianad Vidura road) 1 to 14 miles at Rs. 100 per mile.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the roads that are mentioned have been maintained last year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government have got any complaint from the hon'ble member for Nedumangad that these roads were not maintained last year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Many complaints have been received from the hon'ble member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government have received such a complaint from me ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the Chief Engineer or any other responsible officer has inspected these roads as a result of those complaints ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer has inspected the roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Chief Engineer has not inspected those roads.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know who has inspected the roads as a result of the complaint lodged by the member for Nedumangad ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Division and the Sub-Division Officers have inspected the roads.

Improvement of a chira in the Nellanadu pakuthi.

30. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether sixteen cents of land in Re-survey No. 903/3 in the Nellanadu *pakuthi*, Nedumangad taluk, is a *chira poramboke* ;

(*b*) whether the above *chira* was used for paddy cultivation before ;

(*c*) whether any persons have encroached upon the *chira* and begun to cultivate it ;

(*d*) whether anybody has applied for the registry of the *chira* ;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the *chira*, if improved, would be of use for cultivating about 1,000 *paras* of paddy fields ; and

(*f*) whether the Minor Irrigation Department has taken up the work of the improvement of the above *chira* ?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly